

## House Resolution No. 2998

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reed, cherished residents of Maryville, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on May 9, 2003; and

**Whereas**, it was on May 9, 1953, that Elbert Reed took the hand of his beautiful bride, Peggy, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Richard Ezell at the Methodist Church in Skidmore; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Reed dutifully served his country in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War and provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee at NEBS for eleven years, while Mrs. Reed enjoyed her family immensely and showed her special love for them by dutifully caring for her home and remaining supportive of their every endeavor; and

**Whereas**, house parents at Saunder's Group Home with the Association of Group Homes of Nodaway County for eleven years, Elbert and Peggy Reed have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their two children, Margaret Blessington (deceased) and Jim Blessington of Skidmore, Steve and Alicia Reed of Maryville, and Deanna and Paul Overton of Ames, Iowa; and spoiling their seven grandchildren, Jennifer and Steve Ball of Maryville, Anthony Blessington of Maitland, and Rachel, Jacob, Ryan, and Jordyn Overton of Ames, and their great-grandson, Joseph Ball of Maryville; and

**Whereas**, Elbert and Peggy Reed have lived their entire married lives in Maryville and often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and the excitement of beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Elbert and Peggy Reed upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reed, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2998, adopted May 16, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker